



National Service in New Hampshire



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

More than 3,200 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in New Hampshire. Serving at more than 450 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$7,640,000 to support New Hampshire communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$2,400,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 410 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across New Hampshire. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Volunteer New Hampshire, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 5,200 New Hampshire residents have served more than 7.7 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$18,200,000.

Senior Corps: More than 2,800 seniors in New Hampshire contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 3,800 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 540 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 250 groups across New Hampshire.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

New Hampshire At a Glance

AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants ¹	Education Scholarships ²	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	7	5	129	\$575,786	\$117,040 ³
AmeriCorps State Competitive	3	18	113	\$491,742	\$1,021,934
AmeriCorps State Formula	2	26	56	\$316,120	\$699,551
AmeriCorps VISTA	4	45	115	\$651,555	\$1,871,050
AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	16	94	413	\$2,035,203	\$3,709,575
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	1	78	185	-	\$639,077
RSVP	7	257	2,576	-	\$651,076
Senior Companion Program	1	24	108	-	\$359,123
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	9	359	2,869	-	\$1,649,276
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)	1	-	-	-	\$250,000
PROGRAM TOTALS	26	453 ⁴	3,282	\$2,035,203	\$5,608,851
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)					\$7,644,054
TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)					\$2,400,927 ⁵
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT					\$10,044,981

- Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.
- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2014 - 2015 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
 - This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in New Hampshire. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
 - AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
 - The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
 - As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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AmeriCorps State

The AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program addresses critical public safety needs through community service and promotes a lifetime commitment to volunteerism. The AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program is a multi-agency collaboration to ensure direct services are available to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking. AmeriCorps members serve as advocates, who are placed at crisis centers, police departments, prosecutor's offices, child advocacy centers, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections, the New Hampshire Department of Justice, and on college and university campuses throughout the state. Members provide support and education to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking before, during and after the court process. Members also provide outreach and education to over 2,000 people annually at schools, community agencies and at various organizations and groups.

City Year is an education-focused nonprofit organization founded in 1988 that partners with public schools to help keep students in school and on track to graduate. This innovative public-private partnership brings together teams of young AmeriCorps members who commit to a year of full-time service in schools. City Year New Hampshire corps members serve primarily in six elementary schools in Manchester. Each team supports students by focusing on the ABCs - attendance, behavior, and course performance. Evidence-based research has identified these early-warning indicators to identify the students likely to drop out of school. City Year AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one and group tutoring, mentoring, overall classroom support, and after school programs that help create an improved learning environment for students. In addition to their in-school service, members coordinate service projects and workshops for corporate and school partners. Through these efforts, City Year's work impacts children and communities in Manchester and across the Granite State.

AmeriCorps VISTA

After a very successful kickoff year, the US FIRST National VISTA Project heads into its second year with 50 AmeriCorps VISTA members in 26 states across the nation. FIRST engages young people in mentor-based Lego and robotics programs to build their science, engineering, and technology skills. The FIRST VISTA project helps the organization expand its programs in low-income and underserved communities through outreach and recruitment efforts. During its first year, VISTA members placed more than 1,500 low-income participants in FIRST programs. More than half of the participants came from low achieving schools that receive improvement grants from the U.S. Department of Education. Research shows the likelihood to pursue a STEM degree increases when combining hands-on science experiences with mentorship, particularly for low-income youth and girls. Through the efforts of VISTAs, more than 380 youth were matched with adult mentors. VISTAs also play a critical role in fundraising to support low-income FIRST teams. In the project's first year, VISTAs helped raise more than \$382,000 in cash and in-kind resources.

The AmeriCorps VISTA program run by Families in Transition places VISTA members in nonprofit organizations across the state that fight against hunger, homelessness, and poverty. Whether the VISTAs collaborate to build a community garden, apply for grant funds, or recruit migrant families for a volunteer tutor program, they create solutions to New Hampshire's pressing social problems. Their focus on capacity building efforts—researching, recruiting volunteers, program building, and fundraising—strengthens nonprofit programs and services and ensures that resources will be available to those in need long-term. In 2014, a team of 28 VISTAs raised nearly \$309,000 in cash and \$119,000 in in-kind donations, recruited more than 1,600 volunteers, and helped manage more than 5,000 volunteers who contributed more than 50,600 hours of service to nonprofit organizations. The team helped 334 nonprofit and government entities increase their capacity to provide housing and services for those experiencing homelessness, expand opportunities for car ownership for low-income individuals, and offer additional resources such as food, health services, and job fairs for the homeless and veterans.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The mission of the Southern District YMCA, for 88 years, is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy mind, body and spirit for all. The AmeriCorps NCCC members served as facilitators and counselors to work with children aged 3-15 years in a summer camp setting. The members modeled the character traits of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility in all of their actions and dialogs with fellow staffers and campers. Additionally the members assisted with maintenance, facility and outdoor projects such as widen on-site trails, repairing and replacing split-rail fences, clearing brush, and painting cabins.

As the only food bank in the state, the New Hampshire Food Bank strives to feed hungry people by soliciting and effectively distributing grocery products, perishable foods and services through a statewide network of more than 400 approved agencies; by advocating for systemic change; and by educating the public about the nature of and solutions to hunger in New Hampshire. NCCC members worked with the Food Bank's Production Garden, practicing organic methods to perform garden and plant care. In addition, the team was responsible for managing youth, corporate, and church groups that volunteer at the garden. The work the members accomplished will allow the NH Food Bank to yield more high quality food for New Hampshire families and help to sustain a volunteer program that will draw in and keep community members involved in producing healthy foods. The team members enhance their volunteer management skills, have the opportunity to experience the impact of the food bank on communities and individuals who face the reality of hunger, and develop gardening skills that will give them the knowledge to be able to grow their own personal garden in the future.

Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

The Friends Program based in Concord has served the needs of at-risk youth in New Hampshire since 1984 through its Friends Foster Grandparent Program. In the program, 146 low-income seniors serve state-wide to mentor special needs children. Last year, 110 Foster Grandparents served on average 20 hours a week in 52 elementary schools throughout New Hampshire, helping more than 2,000 at-risk students with reading skills, resulting in 95 percent of the students showing moderate to substantial improvement in three to four areas of reading skills. Another 36 Foster Grandparents helped mentor children at least two hours per week, resulting in 85 percent of these children with improved emotional development, 94 percent had improved behavior, and 95 percent improved academic engagement. In 2014, Friends Foster Grandparents served more than 50,000 hours helping at-risk youth throughout New Hampshire.

Senior Corps RSVP

Monadnock RSVP has been at the forefront of meeting critical needs through volunteer service in Cheshire and Western Hillsborough County, as well as providing meaningful opportunities to adults 55+ since 1974. Currently hosting 300 volunteers, Monadnock RSVP works closely with community partners to provide services in the areas of education, healthy futures, disaster services, veterans and military families, and capacity building. The America Reads Program is a true highlight for this RSVP project. In the Monadnock Region, New England Common Assessment Program scores indicate that 22-25 percent of students entering the 4th grade have reading scores below grade level proficiency. Trained RSVP volunteers are placed in schools to provide individualized tutoring to students in grades K-3 leading to improved school readiness and literacy skills. Survey results from teachers demonstrated 93 percent of students tutored increased their interest in reading and 94 percent had improved reading skills. In 2013-2014, 60 RSVP volunteers tutored more than 900 children in reading and writing in 11 elementary schools in the Monadnock Region.

Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

One of New Hampshire's fastest growing population groups is seniors who need regular assistance to remain independent in their homes. The New Hampshire Senior Companion Program provides the kind of frequent and regular support that increases stability, prevents physical and mental decline, and promotes independence. Seventy-seven Senior Companion volunteers provide critical functions to more than 370 seniors including transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and essential errands, light meal preparation, and information referral. More than 140 of the clients served are veterans. Additionally, 64 caregivers receive much needed support and respite services. Many volunteers go above and beyond their assignments. One of the many examples includes a volunteer who helped secure a disconnected cell phone for a client and enroll her in a LifeAlert program that has brought peace of mind to the client and her family. Furthermore, this volunteer introduced alternative methods of transportation outside of the Senior Companion.

AmeriCorps in New Hampshire



AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	413	16
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	46	7

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Allenstown	SCA New Hampshire Corps (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	29	AmeriCorps State Formula
Charlestown	SCA AmeriCorps (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Charlestown	SCA AmeriCorps Stewardship Teams: National Direct (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Charlestown	SCA Idaho AmeriCorps Fixed Grant (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Charlestown	SCA New Hampshire (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Concord	AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program (Current) NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	27	AmeriCorps State Formula
Concord	Campus Compact for NH (Current) Campus Compact for NH VISTA	27	AmeriCorps VISTA
Concord	Concord, NH DSA Task Force (March 21 - May 9, 2014) FEMA- American Red Cross- Nashua, NH	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Concord	Granite State Education Corps (Current) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	43	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Concord	Great Strides NH (Completed) Goodwill Industries of Northern New England	15	AmeriCorps National
Greenfield	Camphill NH (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Greenfield	Lifesharing at Plowshare Farm (Current) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Kingston	YMCA Camp Lincoln (July 11 - September 3, 2014) Southern District YMCA	6	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Manchester	City Year New Hampshire - NATL (Completed) City Year, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Manchester	City Year New Hampshire (Current) City Year, Inc.	50	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Manchester	Families in Transition VISTA Program (Current) Families in Transition	20	AmeriCorps VISTA
Manchester	FIRST AmeriCorps VISTA (Current) US FIRST Foundation	44	AmeriCorps VISTA
Manchester	New Hampshire Food Bank (Current) Share Our Strength	2	AmeriCorps National
Manchester	New Hampshire Food Bank (September 15 - October 19, 2014) New Hampshire Food Bank	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Manchester	NH Catholic Charities VISTA Project (Current) New Hampshire Catholic Charities, Inc.	24	AmeriCorps VISTA
Nashua	Nashua, NH Disaster Survivor Assistance R01-021-ANY-ANY (January 13 - March 28, 2014) FEMA- American Red Cross- Nashua, NH	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Temple	Lukas Community (Completed) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Windsor	NH Based Residential Summer and School Program (Current) Campus Compact for New Hampshire	122	AmeriCorps National

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

Senior Corps in New Hampshire



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	2,869	9
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	300	1

Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Berlin	Coos County RSVP (Current) Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.	330	RSVP
Concord	Friends FGP (Current) The Friends Program Inc	185	Foster Grandparent Program
Concord	Friends Program RSVP (Current) The Friends Program Inc	515	RSVP
Concord	Senior Companion Program of New Hampshire (Current) Community Action Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.	108	Senior Companion Program
Keene	Monadnock RSVP (Completed) Monadnock Family Services Inc	300	RSVP
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Lebanon	RSVP Volunteer Center (Grafton & Sullivan Counties in NH) (Current) Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.	259	RSVP
Manchester	Southern NH RSVP (Current) Southern NH Services Inc	424	RSVP
North Conway	Carroll County RSVP (Current) North Conway Community Center	414	RSVP
North Conway	Carroll County RSVP (Current) North Conway Community Center	334	RSVP

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